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GLEASON

The RAVAGE.

AFTER ALL
YOUR WORK...YOUR
DEDICATION...WE
FAILED!

BUT I
AM NOT LUCKY
ENOUGH TO FORGET
FOREVER.

A PART
OF ME WILL
ALWAYS BE
WITH YOU.

SOMEHOW...I
THOUGHT IT WOULD
MEAN MORE.

SHOULDN'T
HAVE SIGNED
IT.

NOW
IT'S MY
TURN.

SMASH!

FOR
ASGARD! FOR
MIDGARD! FOR
MYSELF!

TO HELP
THOSE WHO WOULD
DISTRUST US IF THEY
KNEW OF OUR
EXISTENCE.

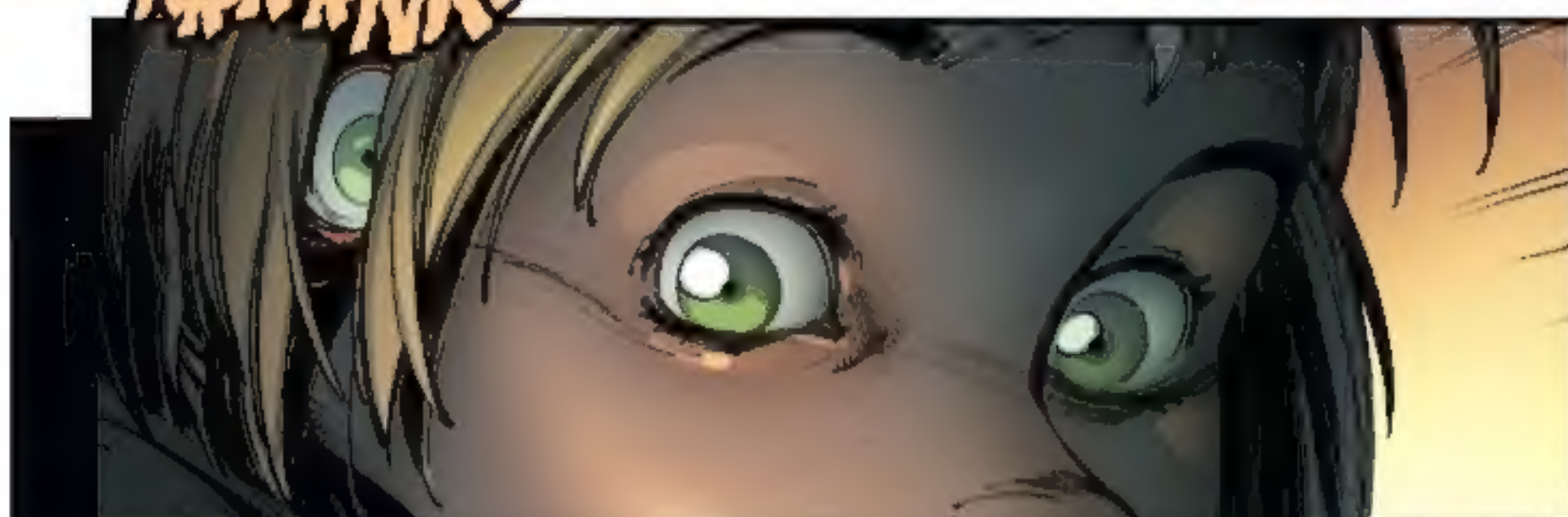
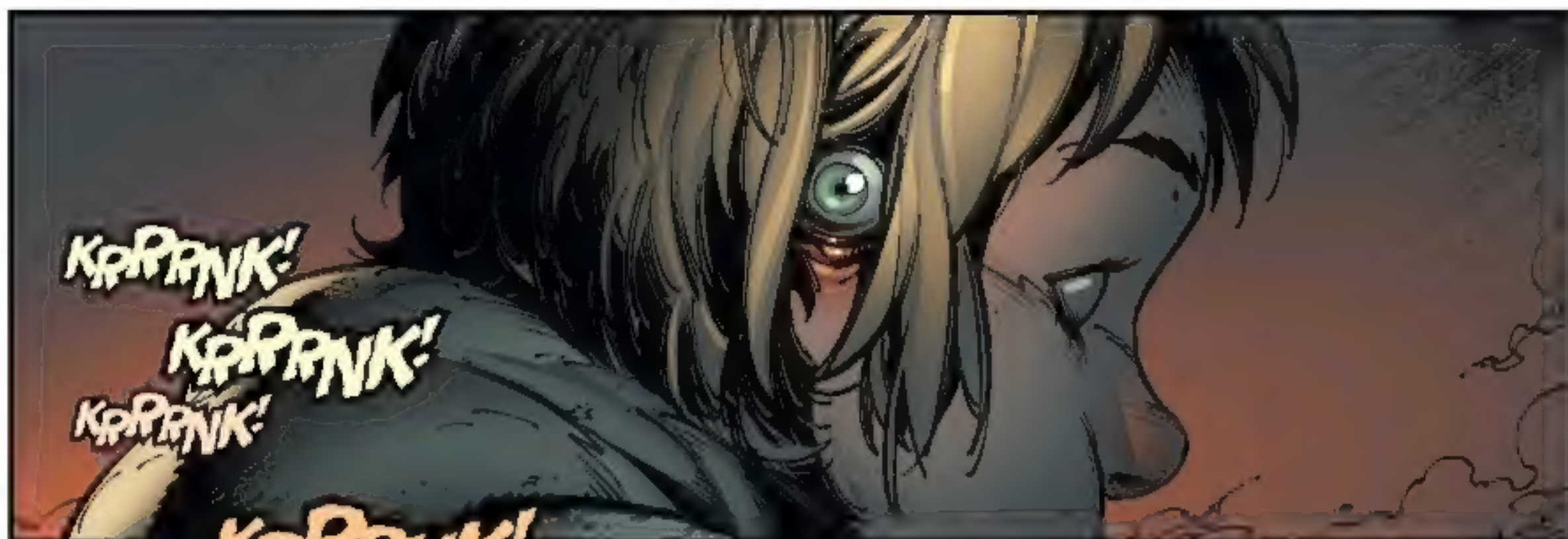
THERE
IS MUCH
GOOD WE
MIGHT DO.

WITH
GREAT POWER
MUST ALSO
COME

ASSEMBLE!

WHOSOEVER
HOLDS--











HEY, YOU'RE WELCOME. HAD A NINE-SCORE ROBBERY ATTEMPT IN THE LOWER EAST CORRIDOR, GOT HERE AS FAST AS WE COULD. WHAT IS THIS?

YOU DIDN'T GET THE BRIEF?

NOTHING WORKS OVER HERE, YOU KNOW THAT, JAKE.



2 SIGHT MISSING PERSON--GUY FROM E.C.O., WORKS ON CELL THERAPY--

WHAT THE HELL WAS HE DOING OVER HERE?!

PARTNER SAID HE GOT APPROACHED BY A WOMAN, SAID HER SON WAS SUFFERING FROM SKULLFIRE--TELLS HIM HE'S NOT GONNA MAKE IT THROUGH THE NIGHT, SAYS HE'S SCREAMING FOR HOURS--



GUY DECIDES, "HEY, I CAN CURE THAT WITH ONE INJECTION, CAN'T JUST LET THE KID DIE, RIGHT?"

YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME...

WOULD I LIE TO YOU, HECTOR? PACKS SOME CELLBURSTS, SNEAKS OVER ON A WASTE TRANSPORT.

SHOCKING IDIOT.



WE FOUND THE MOTHER AND THE BOY ON THE PYRES. AT LEAST WE THINK IT'S THEM. DRANGS ON THE BLOCK DID NOT GO EASY.

AND YET WE THINK THIS HIGH-RISER IS STILL BREATHING?

HE'S PRETTY VALUABLE TO HIS CIRCLE, APPARENTLY. GUESS THEY'RE HOPING FOR A MIRACLE.



WELL, THINK THEY'RE OUT OF LUCK--



--APPARENTLY
THE GOD OF
THUNDER'S NOT IN
A MERCIFUL
MOOD TODAY.

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AMAZING.

SIMPLY AMAZING, MIGUEL. DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU'VE BROUGHT US?

APPRECIATE YOUR ENTHUSIASM, TYLER, BUT I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD GET TOO EXCITED JUST YET.

NONSENSE--

--THE INCREASED STRENGTH, ENHANCED REFLEXES--THOSE ARE IMPRESSIVE ENOUGH.

BUT IT'S THE SENSORY REACTION TO AN INCOMING THREAT THAT'S THE MOST FASCINATING. IMAGINE THE APPLICATIONS--

I CAN IMAGINE PLENTY, BUT I SUSPECT I ONLY NEED TO THINK OF ONE--

CAREFUL, MIGUEL--

--I UNDERSTAND THE RAIDER INITIATIVE MAY APPEAR A BIT... UNSEEMLY FROM THE OUTSIDE, BUT IT IS VITAL TO GUARDING THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY WE'VE WORKED SO HARD TO BUILD HERE.

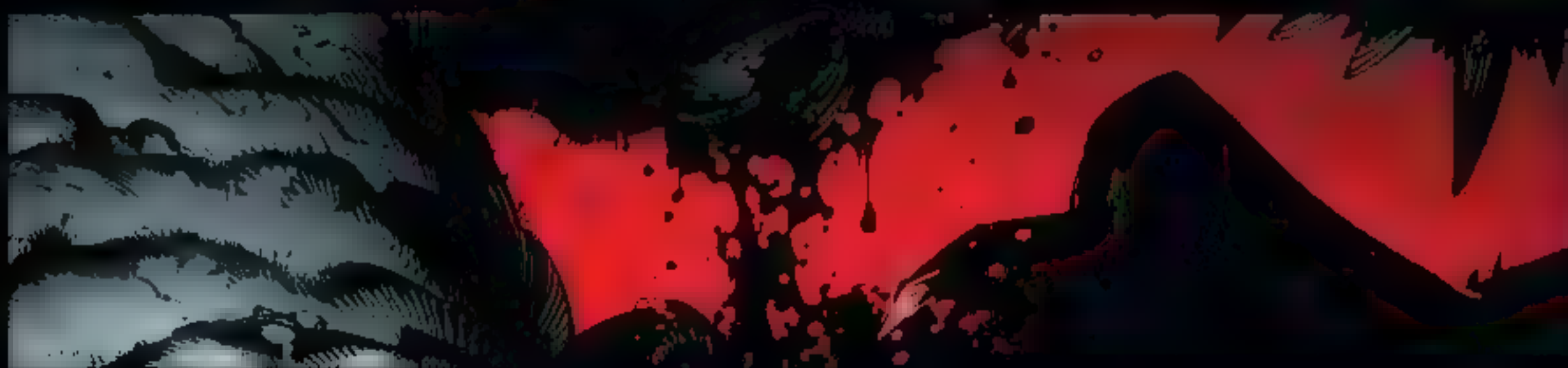
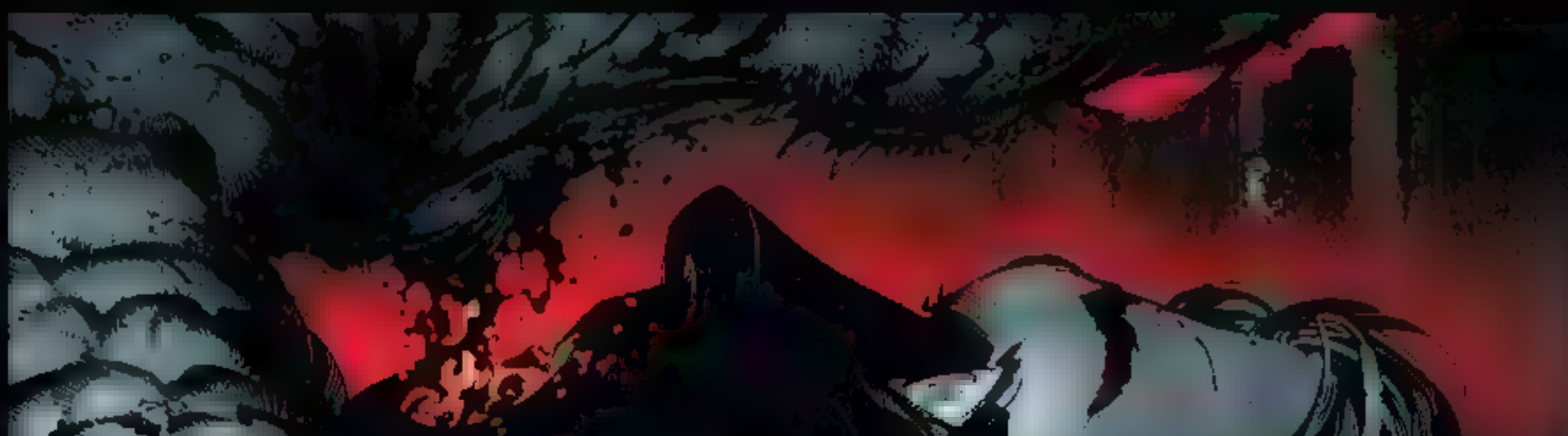
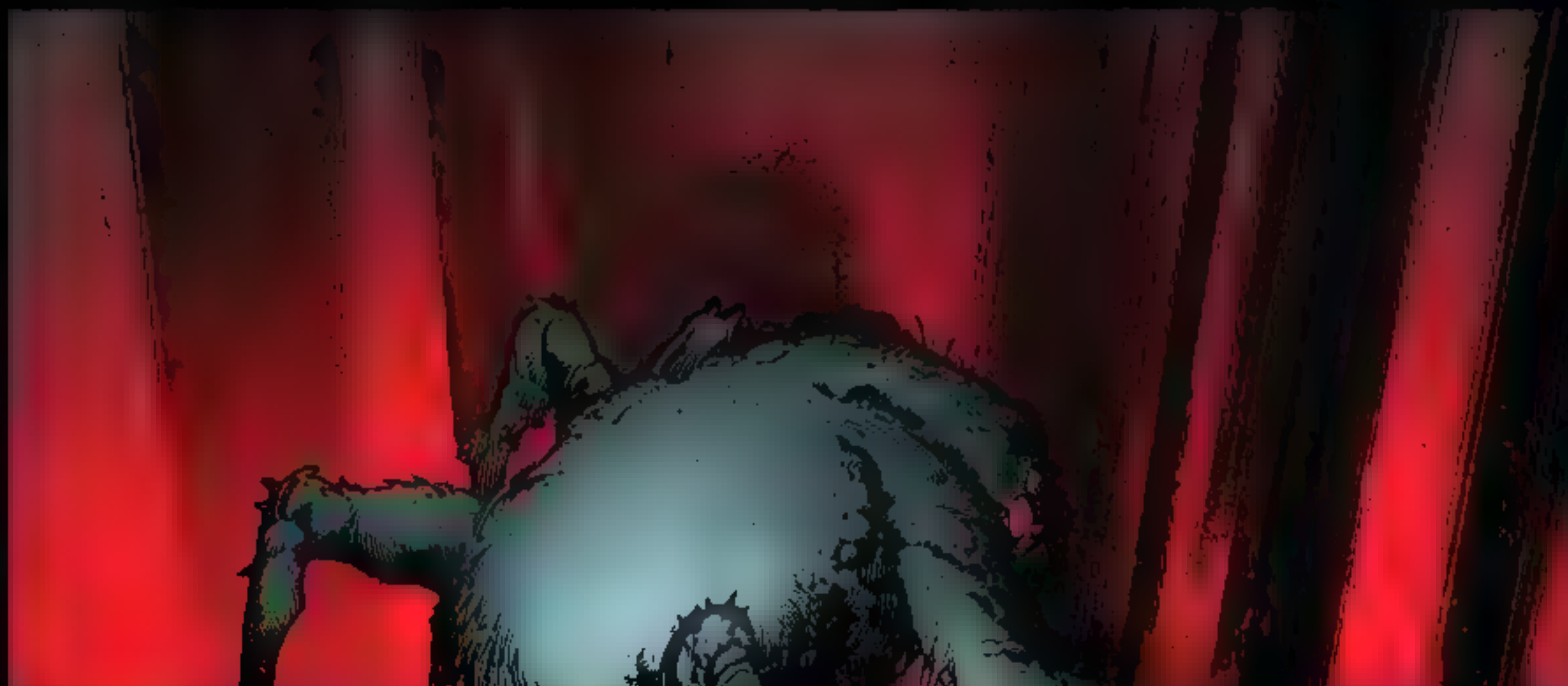
NOT TO MENTION OTHER PEOPLE'S INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.

~SIGH~ YOU KNOW FOR A FACT THAT ALCHEMAX'S COMPETITORS WOULD DO THE SAME, AND FAR WORSE.

OUR PURSUIT, OUR VALUE, OUR REASON FOR BEING, IS THE PURSUIT OF TRUTH. AND THIS WILL CERTAINLY HELP US FIND IT.

WHAT DID THEY CALL THE TEST SUBJECT AGAIN?

YOU MEAN BACK AT THE FACILITY?



HH. CUTE. WELL, AT ANY RATE, WE ALL OWE YOU A GREAT DEBT. I KNOW HOW... TRYING TIME IN THE RAVAGE CAN BE. BUT IT WAS MORE THAN WORTH IT IN THIS INSTANCE.

THAT'S WHAT I KEEP TRYING TO TELL YOU, TYLER--I DON'T THINK IT WAS. THIS SEQUENCE-- IT'S TOO DANGEROUS, TOO UNSTABLE. WE NEED TRIALS.

NONSENSE--

--YOU LEAVE THAT TO ME.

YOU WORRY TOO MUCH, MIGUEL. THE SUN IS SHINING ON YOU, LET YOURSELF ENJOY IT. REMEMBER--

--KNOWLEDGE IS ITS OWN REWARD.



LYLA--I NEED YOU TO SEARCH A TERM FOR ME...

"WHAT DO
YOU SEE?"

"I SEE THE
WORLD AS
YOU MADE IT.

"COLD AND
CRUEL--


"--FULL
OF LOST
SOULS.

"SEARCHING FOR
SOMETHING THEY
KNOW HAS BEEN
TAKEN FROM THEM.

"--AND IN ITS
PLACE YOU HAVE
GIVEN THEM A LIE.

"THEY HAVE LOST
THEIR GUIDING
LIGHT, THEIR
BELIEF IN SOME-
THING GREATER--

"THIS WORLD IS
ANGRY--AND ALL THE
SCIENCE YOU GIFT THEM,
ALL THIS SUPPOSED
PROGRESS, NONE
OF IT HIDES--



"--THAT THE
BARBARIANS
ARE AT THE
GATE.

"I GROW TIRED OF
SEEING THIS. THIS
WANDERING IN THE
DARK, THIS POINTLESS
BLOODSHED..."

PLEASE...
LET ME
REST.

SOON
ENOUGH,
BUT FOR
NOW--

--DOOM
HAS USE
OF YOU.

SO,
I ASK
AGAIN--





BECAUSE
I WILL TELL YOU
WHAT MY EYES
BEHOLD.

A PEOPLE
CLEANSED OF
THEIR LOWEST
INSTINCTS.

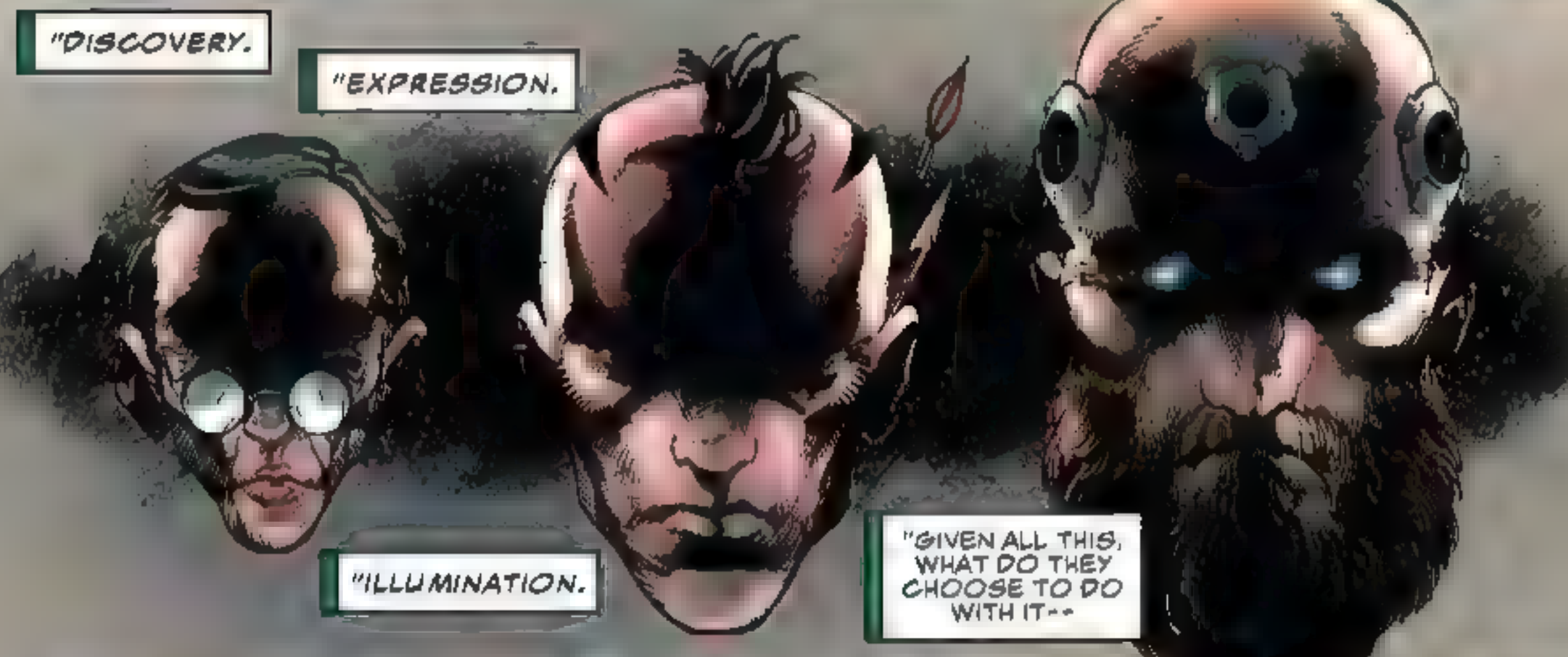
NO MORE
SCARCITY.
NO MORE
NEED.

NO LONGER
MUST THEY
STRUGGLE JUST
TO SURVIVE.



"NOW THEY ARE FREE
TO FULFILL THEIR
POTENTIAL WITHOUT
DISTRACTION.

"AT LAST
THEY CAN REALIZE
HUMANKIND'S TRUE
DESTINY--



"DISCOVERY.

"EXPRESSION.

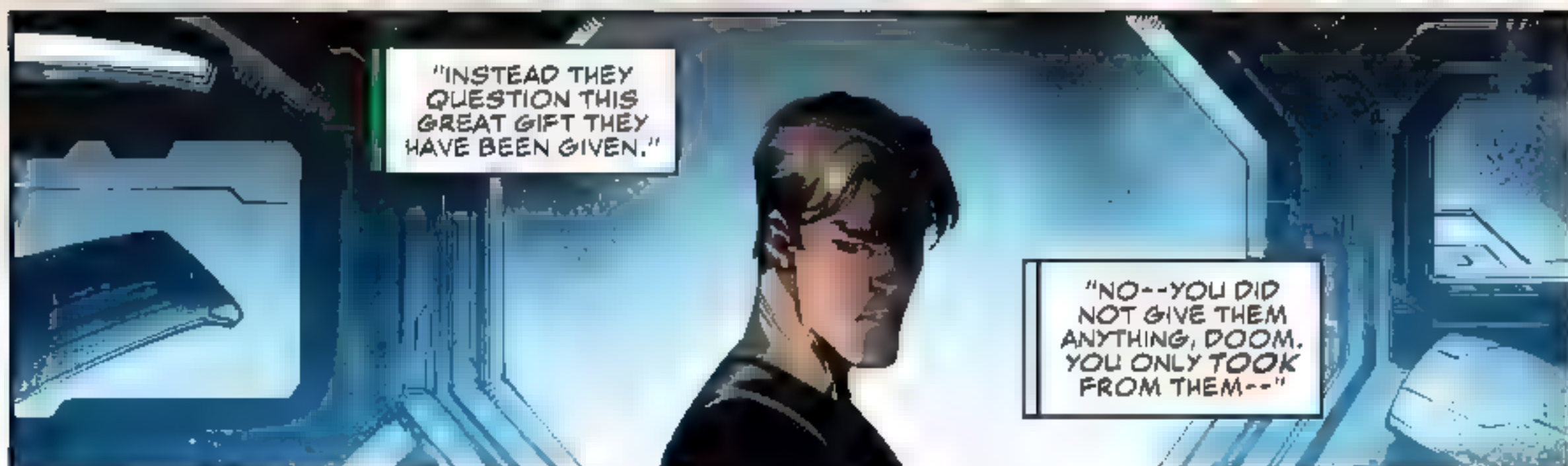
"ILLUMINATION.

"GIVEN ALL THIS,
WHAT DO THEY
CHOOSE TO DO
WITH IT--




--BUT BITE THE HAND THAT
FEEDS THEM FROM THE TREE OF
KNOWLEDGE. THEY RENOUNCE
SO MUCH PROGRESS
TOWARD A PERFECT END.

"INSTEAD THEY
REVEL IN THEIR OWN
IGNORANCE AND
SUPERSTITION.




"INSTEAD THEY
QUESTION THIS
GREAT GIFT THEY
HAVE BEEN GIVEN."

"NO--YOU DID
NOT GIVE THEM
ANYTHING, DOOM.
YOU ONLY TOOK
FROM THEM--"




--THEIR MEMORIES. THEIR HISTORY. DID YOU REALLY THINK THEY WOULD NEVER TRY TO GET IT BACK?

THE WORLD WAS ON FIRE, WATCHER. I DID WHAT WAS NEEDED.




ONLY DOOM COULD CARRY SUCH A BURDEN.



"LESSER MEN WHO BELIEVED THEMSELVES GODS HAD NEARLY DESTROYED US. I PURIFIED US, AND SET OUR COURSE RIGHT.


"BUT I COULD ONLY DO SO BY WIPING THEIR EXISTENCE-- AND THE MEMORY OF THEM--FROM THE VERY FACE OF THE EARTH.

"A SMALL PRICE TO PAY."



AND YET, EVERY DAY, EVERY HOUR, I FEEL THE OLD WAYS TRYING TO RETURN, LIKE AN INFECTION WHOSE SPREAD CAN ONLY BE SLOWED.

AND SO WE MUST REMAIN VIGILANT, YOU AND I, WATCHER--



--LEST THE LOST AGE RETURN. SO SHOW ME...



"SHOW ME WHERE IT BEGINS."

BY ORDER OF THE PUBLIC EYE, HALT! IMMEDIATELY PULL YOUR VEHICLE OVER--

LIKE HELL! COME ON, COME ON--



BLAM

SHOCK!



KEEP MOVING, YOU WORTHLESS PIECE OF SCRAP. DON'T DIE ON ME NOW--WE'RE ALMOST--



THERE! THERE IT IS!



SKREEECH



HA HAAA! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, WE MADE IT!

YOU SURE DID, MY FRIEND--

"--WELCOME TO
THE ROAD THAT
NEVER ENDS!"

TRANSVERSE CITY.





THEY--THEY
REALLY CAN'T
FOLLOW
ME?

NOPE, AND
THEY DID SEEM
PRETTY UPSET
ABOUT IT. MIND
ME ASKING
WHY?

HE STOLE MY WORK! I WORKED
ON THAT PLAY FOR FOUR YEARS.
THEN MY PARTNER--HE JUST
TOOK ALL THE CREDIT.
HIS SCORE WENT UP
SIX POINTS!

I--I DIDN'T MEAN TO
HURT HIM, I JUST--I JUST
WANTED TO TALK. GET HIM
TO ADMIT IT. I DON'T KNOW
WHAT HAPPENED
TO ME.

I BET, WELL,
LUCKY FOR YOU,
THE BENEVOLENT
BUILDERS AND
MAINTAINERS OF
THESE ROADS DO
NOT RECOGNIZE AND
ARE NO LONGER
BOUND BY THE LAWS
OF THE UNITED
STATES.

WHATEVER
MESS YOU'RE IN,
YOU CAN COAST
HERE AS LONG AS
NEED BE--ASSUMING
YOU'VE GOT
SOMETHING TO PAY
THE TOLLS?

YEAH--
TOOK ME
A WHILE TO
GET IT, BUT
I FOUND
SOME--

--OLD-
WORLD DEBT,
ON A CARD.
THIS THING
ACTUALLY
WORKS?

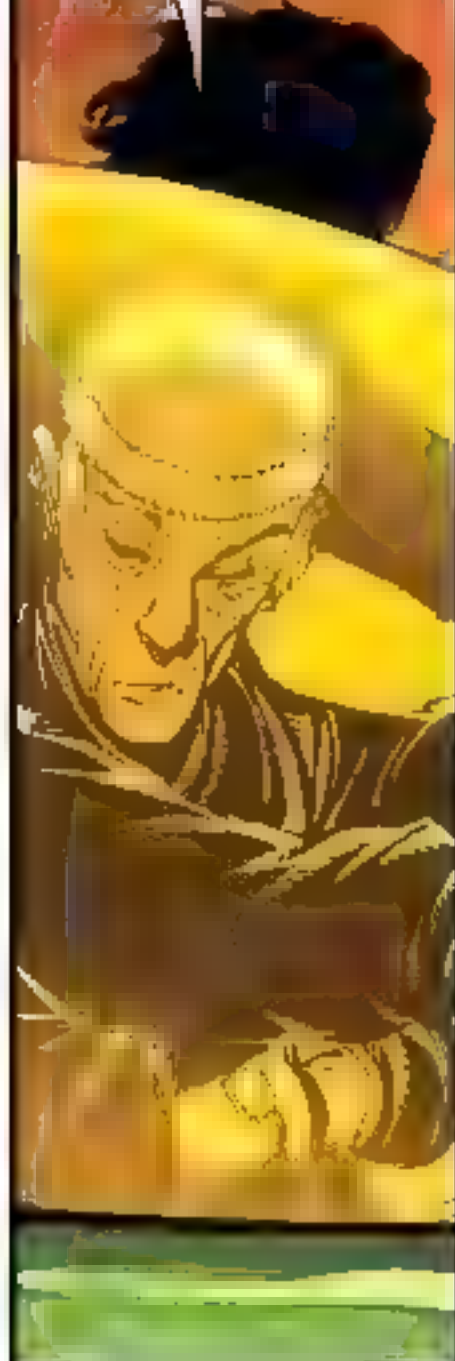
HERE
IT DOES.
LONG AS YOU
KEEP MOVING,
YOU'LL BE FINE.
BUT LOOKING
AT THAT
EXHAUST--

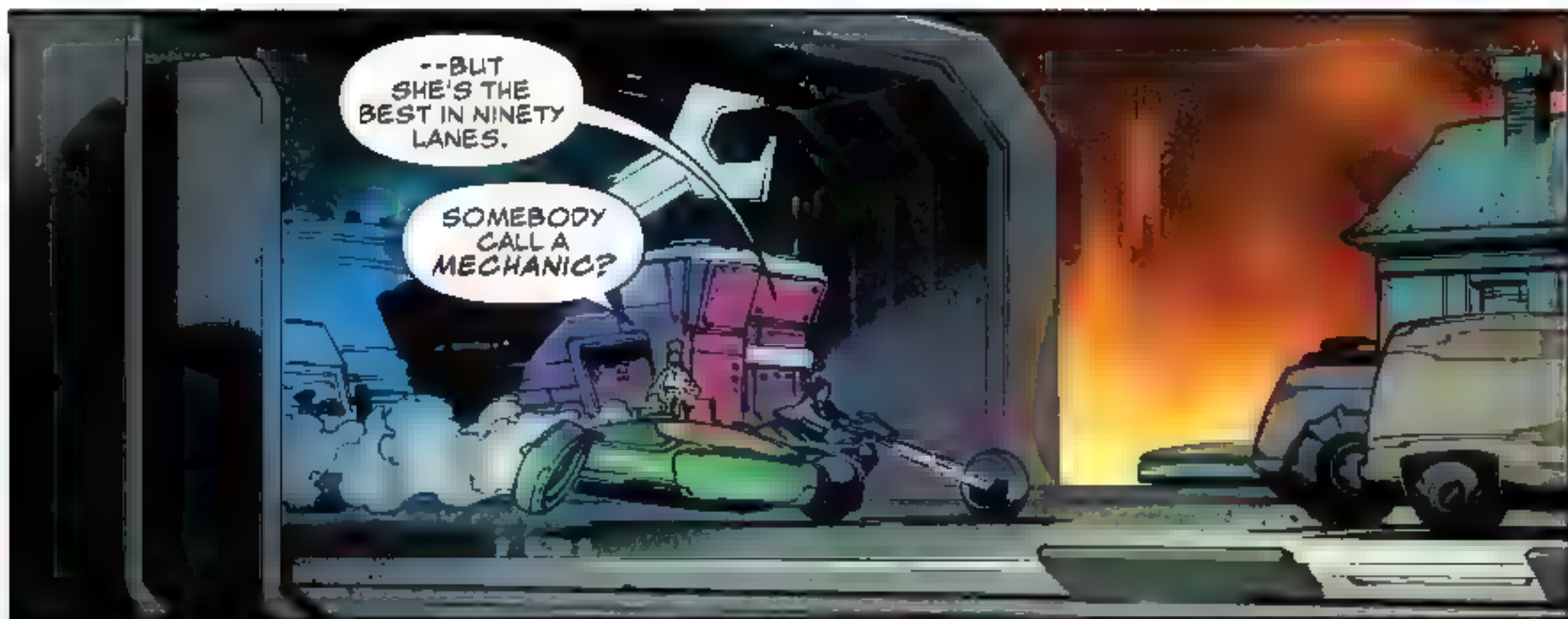
--THAT'S
LOOKING
LIKE AN
ISSUE.

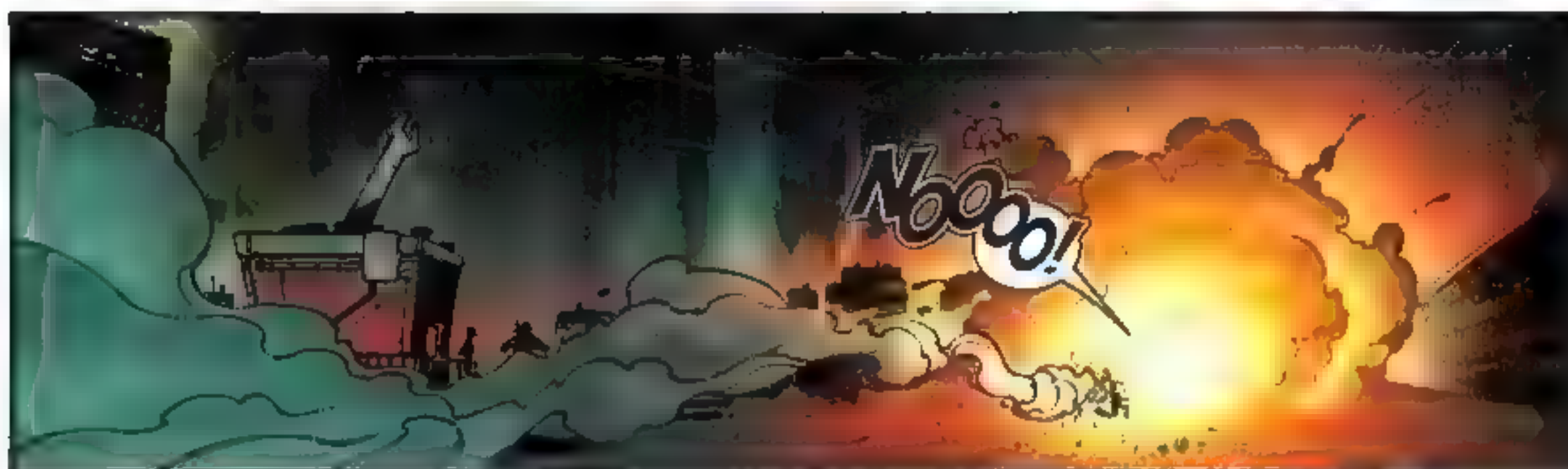
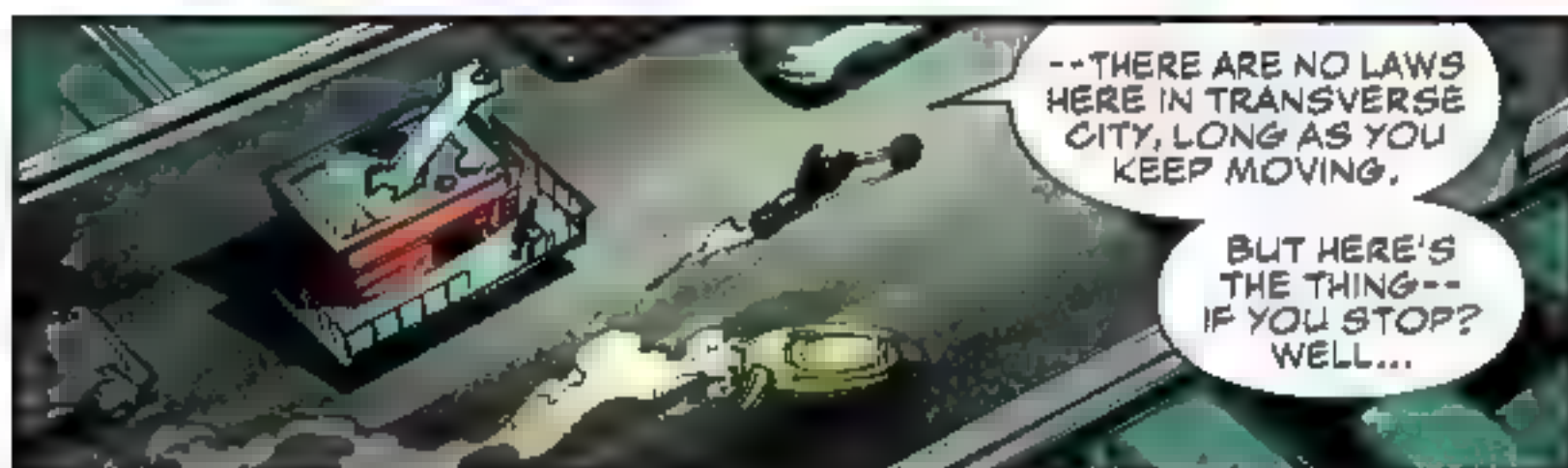
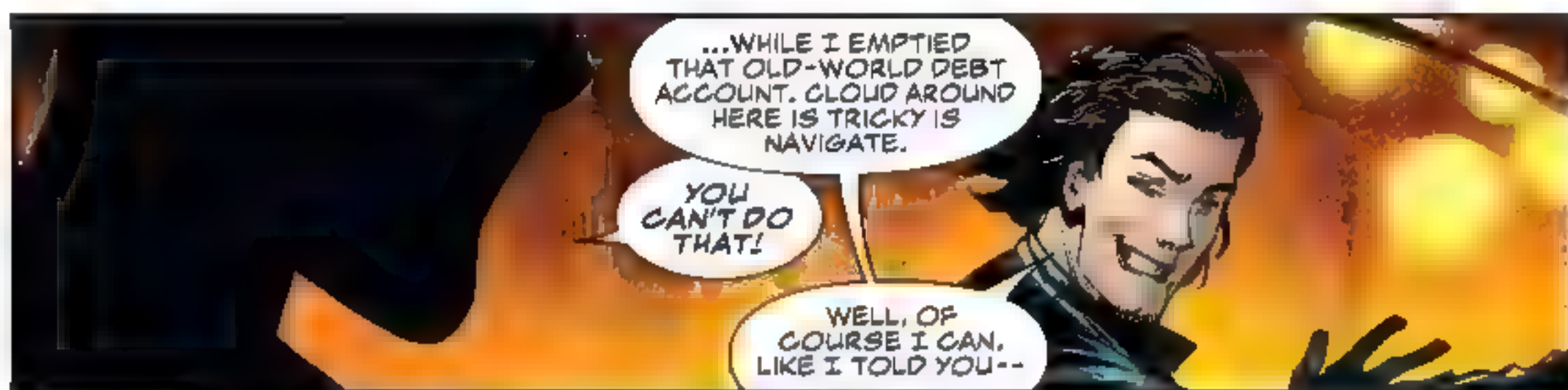
I GOT A
GAL, SHE CAN
FIX THAT RIGHT
UP FOR
YOU.

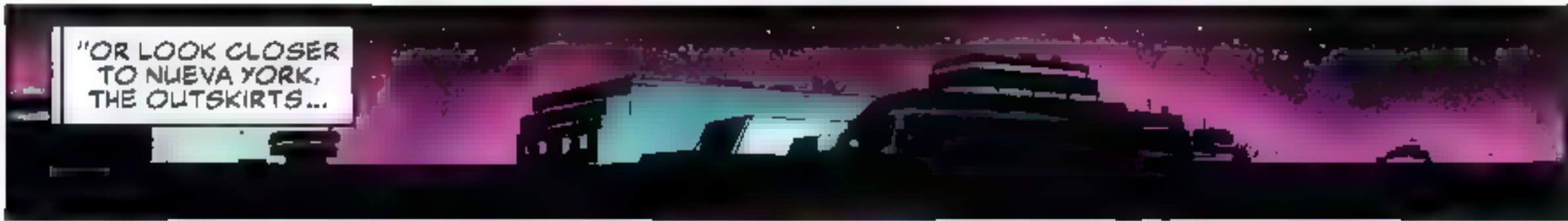
REALLY?

SURE. I
MEAN, IT'LL
COST
YOU--







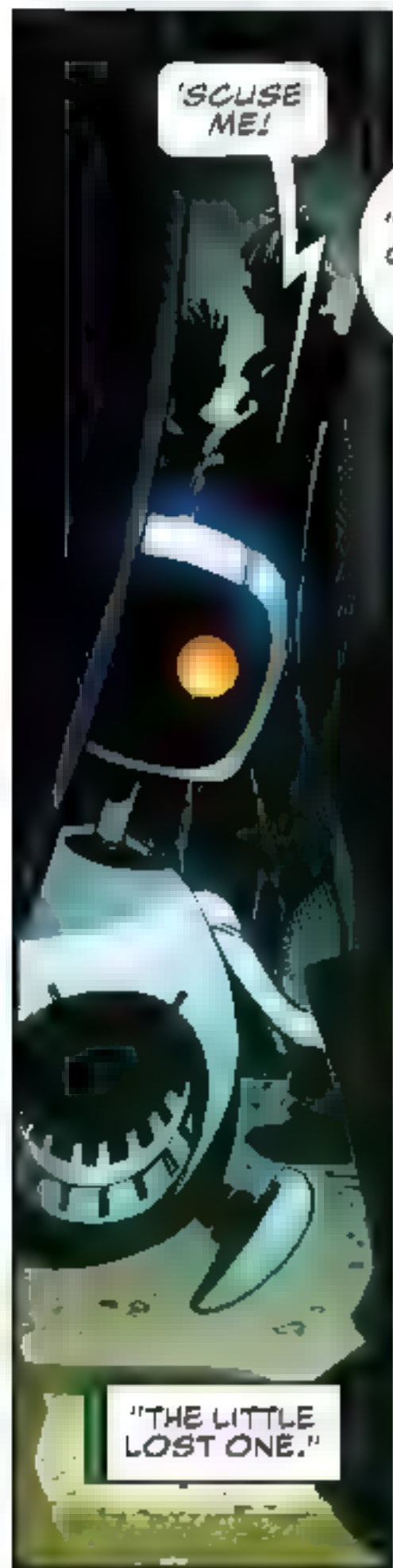


"OR LOOK CLOSER
TO NUEVA YORK,
THE OUTSKIRTS...



"...WHERE OTHER
DEVILS HIDE."

"RAIDERS. WHY SHOULD
I CONCERN MYSELF
WITH MERCENARIES? AH,
WAIT, I SEE NOW--"



'SCUSE
ME!

AND SO
I TOLD HIM,
"YOU WANTED THE
CONTRACT SIGNED,
YOU DIDN'T SAY
NOTHING ABOUT
HIS HEAD."

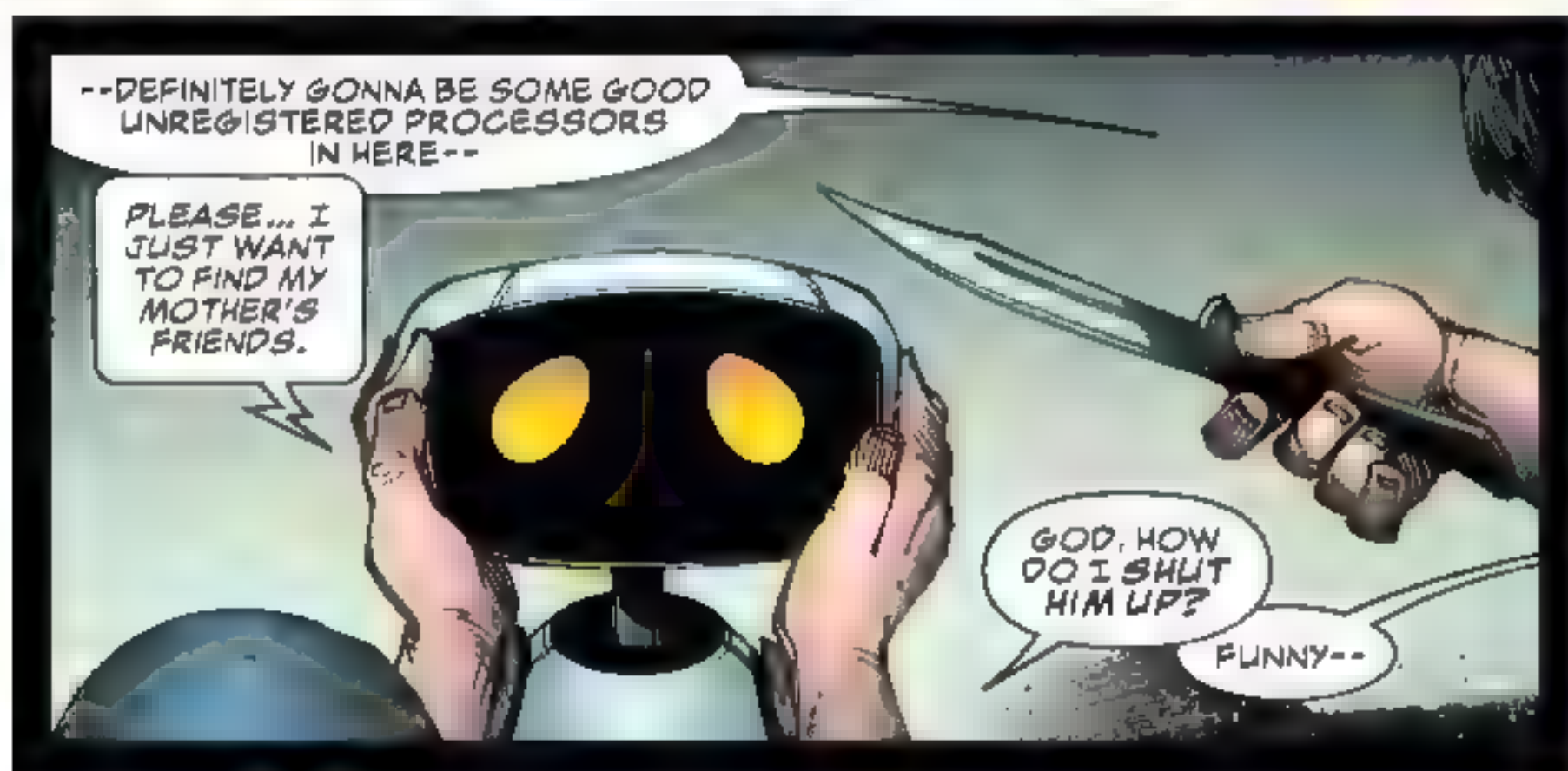
YOU
DID
NOT.

'SCUSE
ME,
'SCUSE
ME?

"THE LITTLE
LOST ONE."



HI, I'M
HERBIE.
HAVE YOU
SEEN MY
MOTHER'S
FRIENDS?





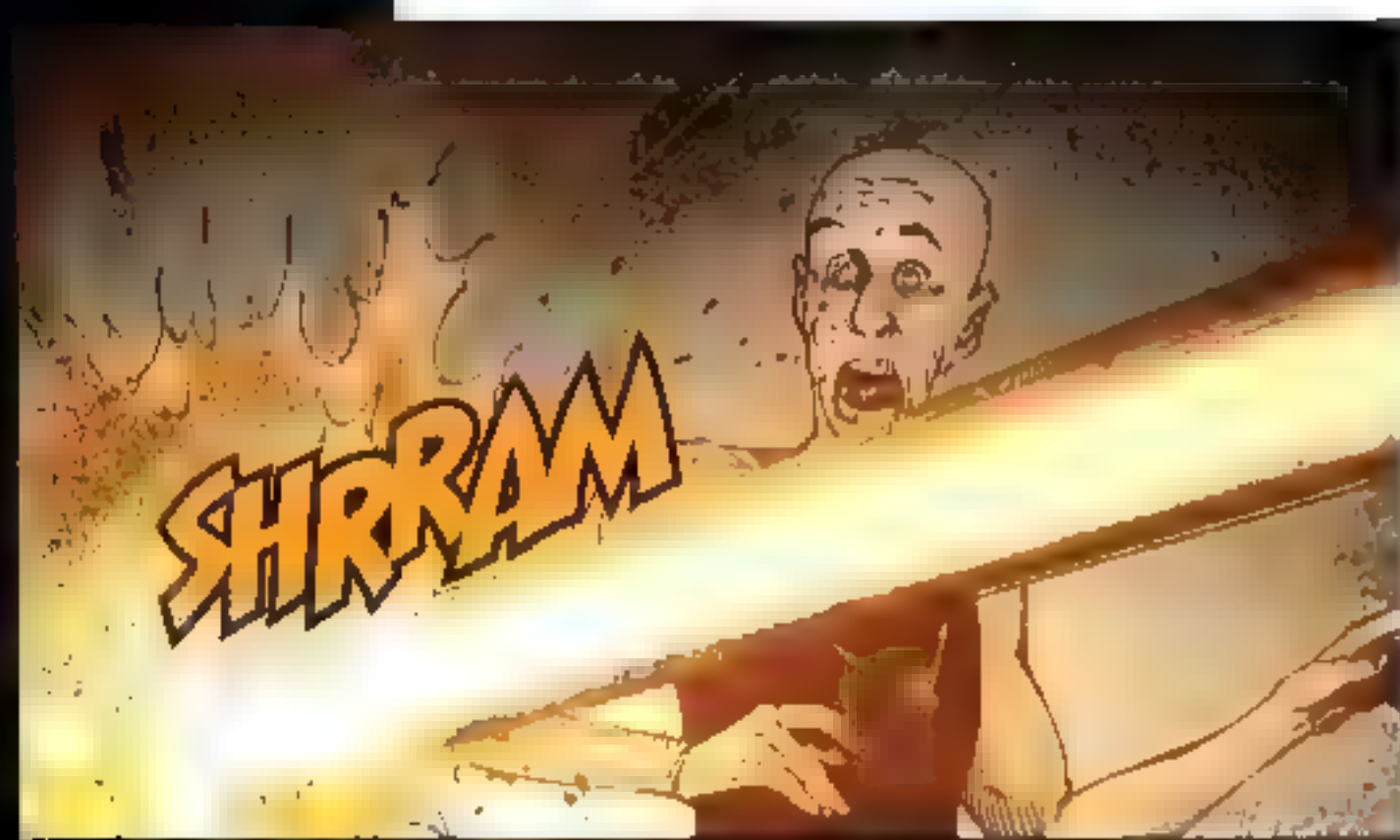
HOW 'BOUT YOU PUT THE BOT DOWN AND GO BACK TO LYING TO IMPRESS EACH OTHER?



VENTURE--HEY, SORRY, DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD AN INTEREST HERE. HERE WE GO, SEE? NO HARM NO FOUL--LITTLE GUY IS FINE...

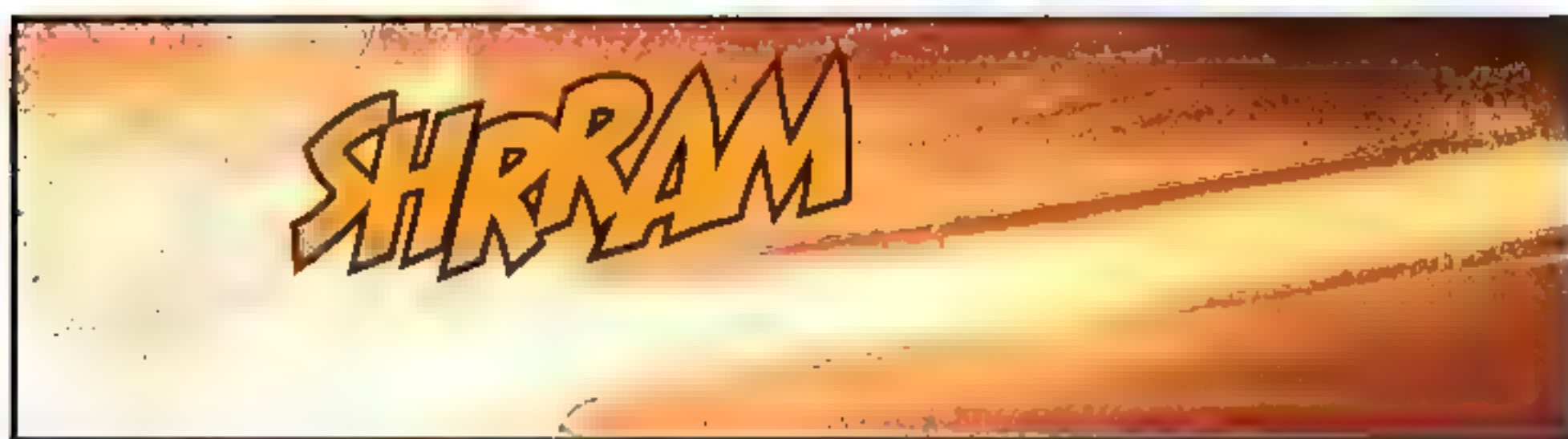
AW, TO HELL WITH THAT--I DON'T TAKE ORDERS FROM YOU. AND AFTER THAT STUNT YOU PULLED--

ON THE SYNTHIA JOB--

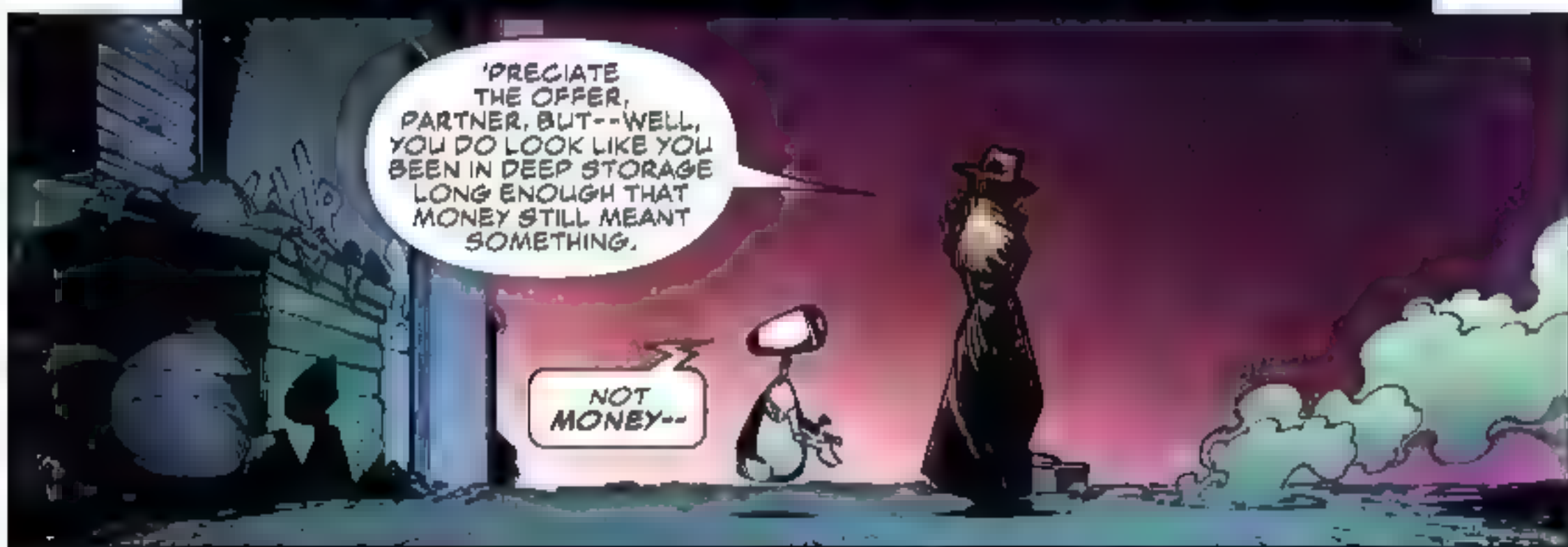
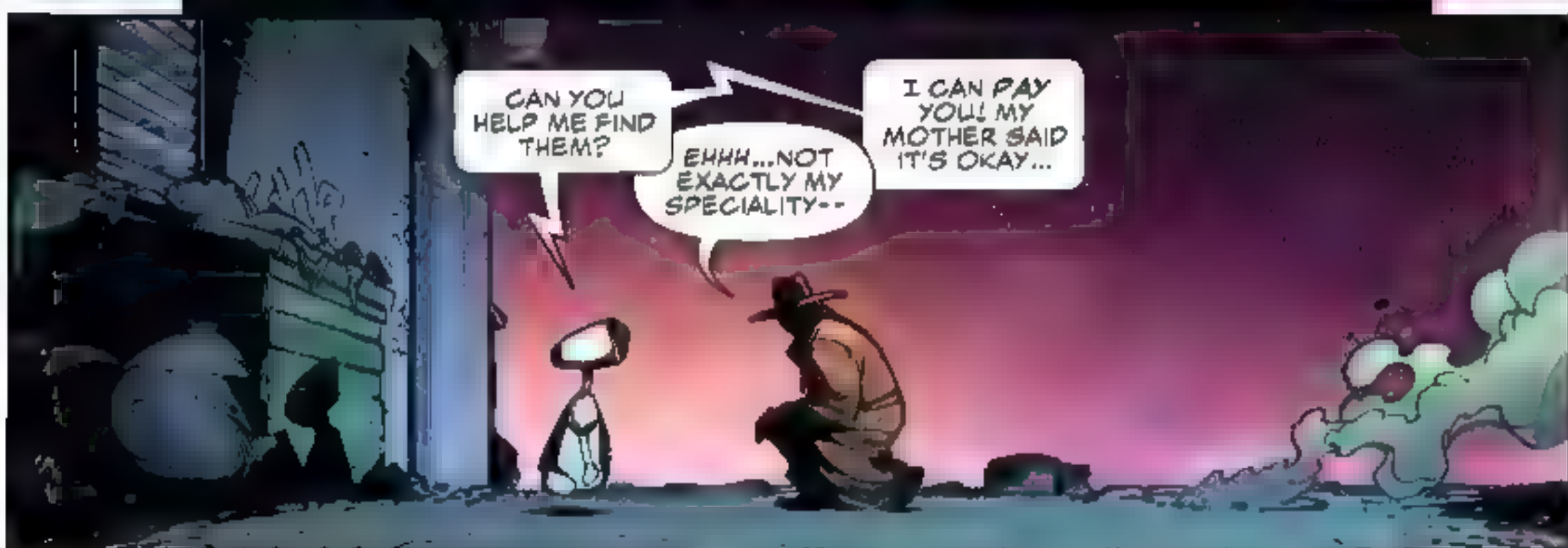
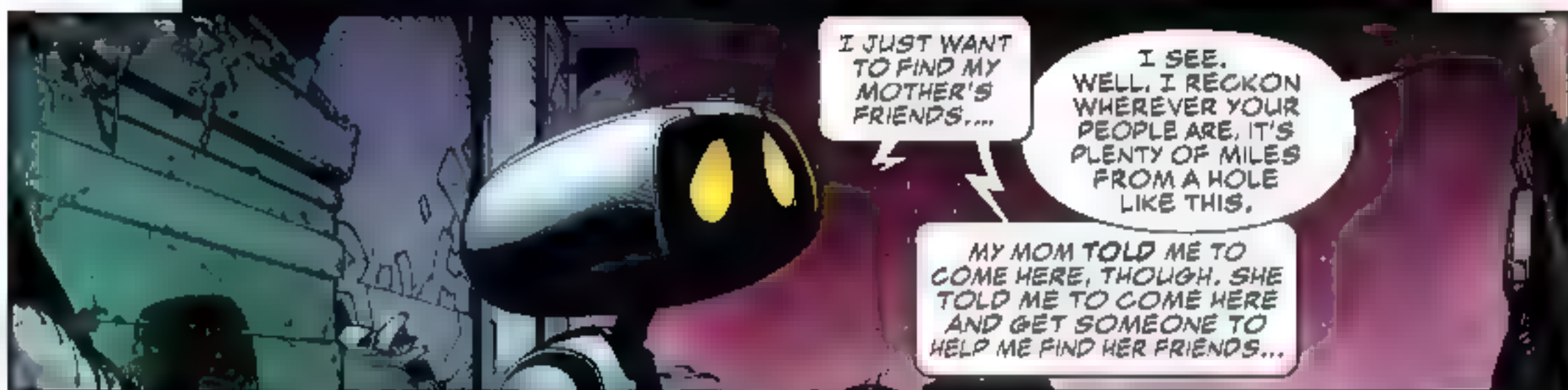
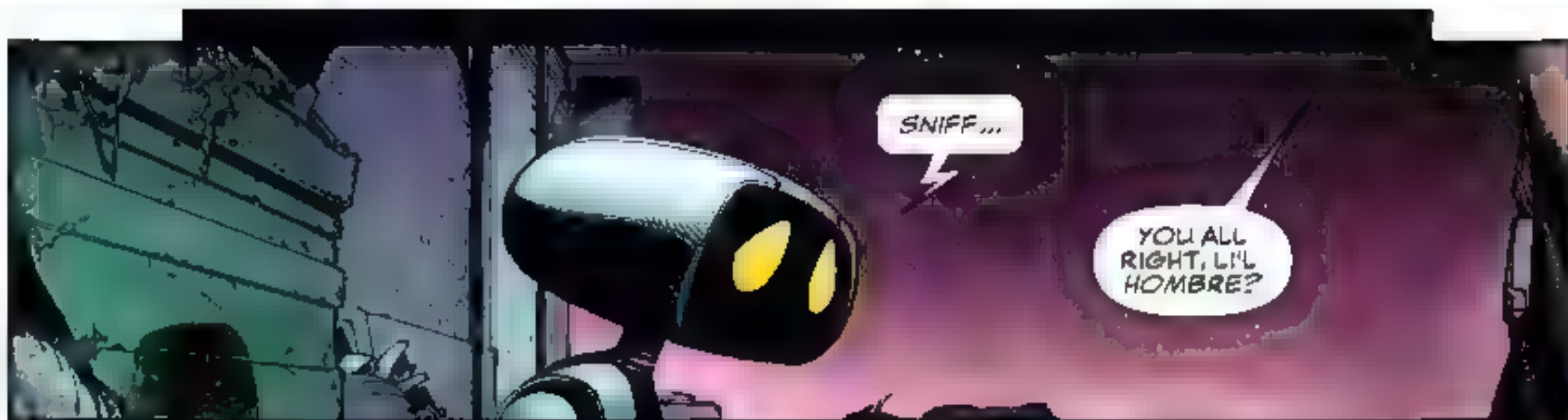


WHAT THE SHOCK'D YOU DO THAT FOR? I WAS THE ONE WHO TOLD YOU TO PISS OFF-- HE DID WHAT YOU TOLD HIM TO!

FAIR ENOUGH--



--BUT HE'S STILL GOT LOUSY TASTE IN FRIENDS.





--WE
BOTH KNOW
HE WILL NEVER
SUCCEED.



SO THIS IS ALL YOU
HAVE FOR ME, THEN?
FOOL'S ERRANDS
AND BOXED
MACHINES?



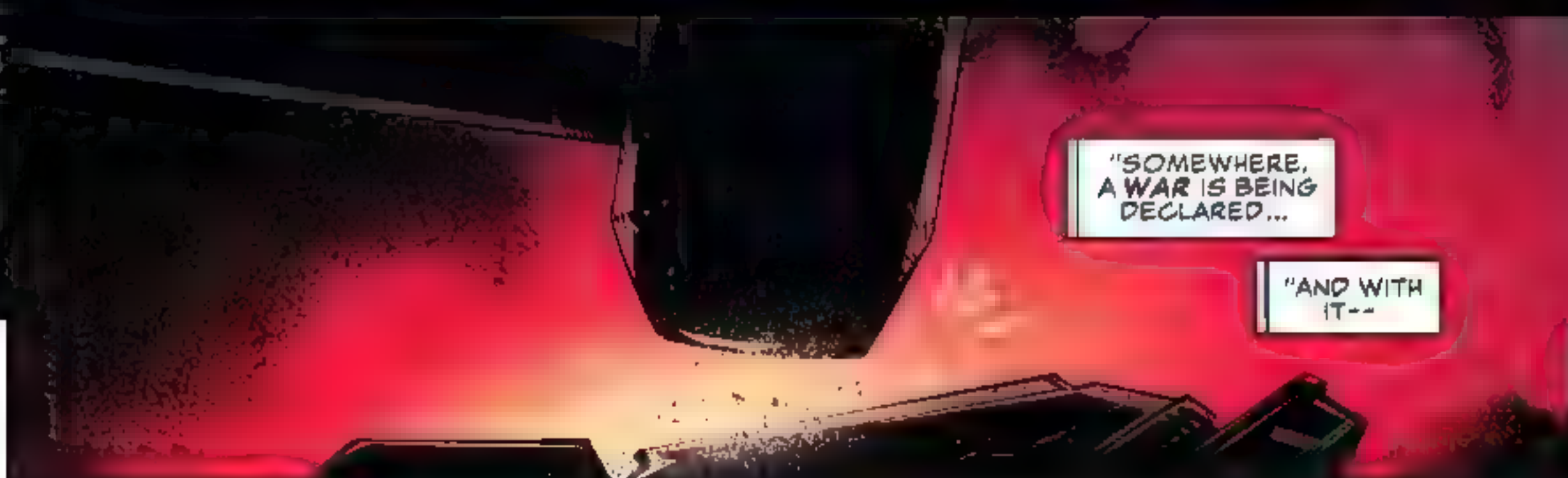
I HAVE BEEN
TOO WARY. THE
WORK IS DONE.
I SHOULD ALLOW
MYSELF SOME
SOLACE.

PERHAPS, ON
THE OTHER HAND,
YOU ASKED ME WHAT
I SAW. BUT THERE IS
SOMETHING ELSE--
SOMETHING
I HEAR--




--AND I KNOW
YOU CAN HEAR
IT, AS WELL.

METAL ON METAL--
A FORGE AND
A FIRE.



"SOMEWHERE,
A WAR IS BEING
DECLARED..."

"AND WITH
IT--



"--COMES
DOOM."

ANOTHER
IMPOSTOR. I
WILL SEND THE
KINGPIN.

A POSSIBILITY,
OR COULD IT BE
YOUR PAST HAS FINALLY
CAUGHT UP TO YOUR
PRESENT? AND IF IT HAS,
WILL YOU AT LEAST
ADMIT THE TRUTH
TO HIM?

THAT ALL
THIS ISN'T SOME
NOBLE SACRIFICE YOU
HAVE MADE, VICTOR,
THAT ALL THIS PAIN,
ALL THIS
DECEIT--

--IT BEGINS
WITH YOU AND
YOUR FOOLISH
PRIDE. THIS IS
ALL YOUR
FAU--

AAARRRRRGHHH!



YOU WOULD
BE WISE TO
REMEMBER THE
LIMITS OF MY
MERCY, UATU.

YOU ARE
KEPT HERE,
AND KEPT ALIVE,
BECAUSE I
NEED YOUR
EYES--

--YOUR
TONGUE,
HOWEVER, IS
A DIFFERENT
STORY.

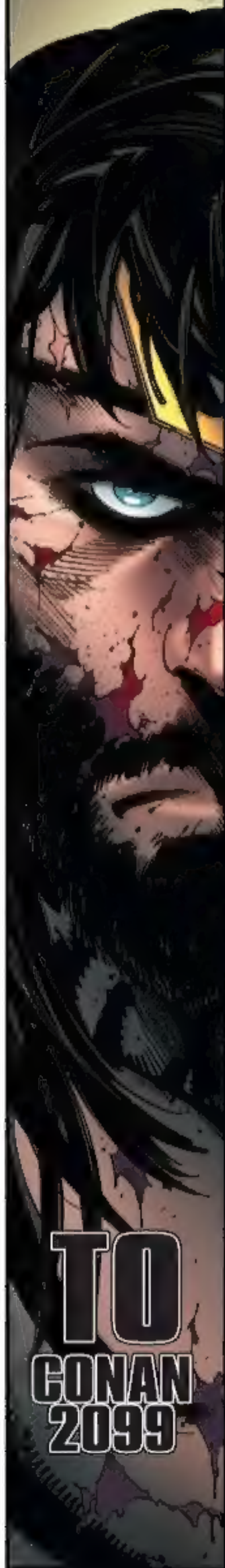
YOU'RE
TOO LATE,
VICTOR. NO
MATTER HOW
HARD YOU TRY,
YOU CANNOT
SNUFF OUT
MAN'S VERY
NATURE.

HE
WILL NOT
BEND OR
KNEEL--

"--NOT TO
GOD OR
MAN. HIS
FUTURE--



"--WILL BE
HIS OWN."



**TO
CONAN
2099**



**GHOST
RIDER
2099**



**PUNISHER
2099**



**FANTASTIC
FOUR
2099**



**SPIDER-
MAN
2099**

AND MORE!

"SO, EIGHTY YEARS AGO WAS 1939, RIGHT?"

spoke writer extraordinaire Matthew Rosenberg during one of our Marvel Comics Creative Summits. He went on, "But you realize that eighty years from now is 2099, right?" As a group we sort of drove past the comment. But the elegance of that fact stuck with Nick Spencer and a few weeks later we were talking about a new plan he had for **AMAZING SPIDER-MAN** and, well, the future.

Ever since Marvel's possible future was introduced by Stan Lee, Paul Ryan, Peter David, Rick Leonardi, Pat Mills, Tony Skinner, Tom Morgan, John Francis Moore, Pat Broderick and Joey Cavalieri it resonated with Marvel Fans. We've revisited 2099 a bunch of times since its inception in 1992, but for this one, Nick wanted to do it differently.

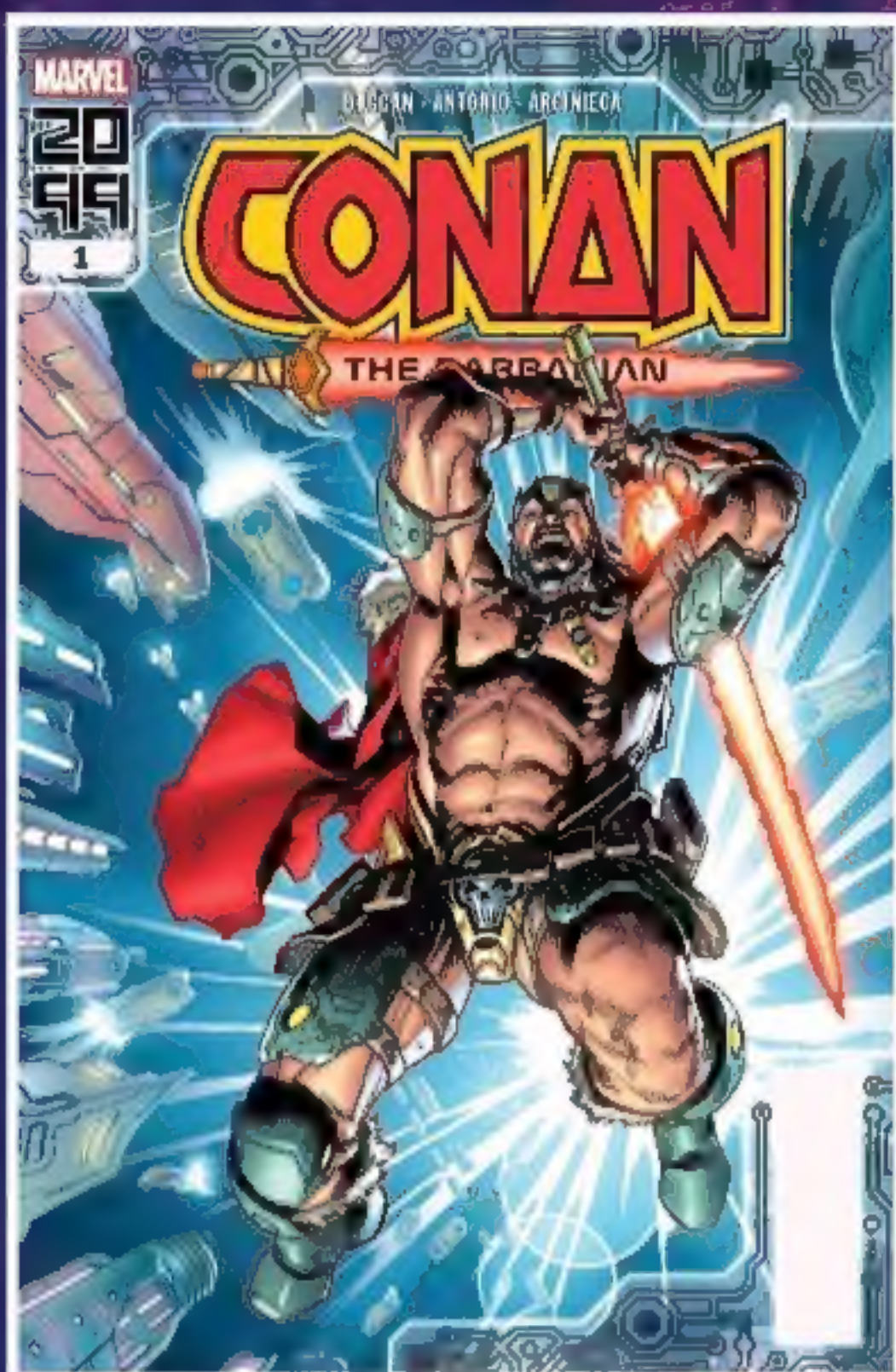
The whole approach was to try and reimagine the future of the Marvel U differently than that epic list of creators did back in 1992 but with similar methodology. Nick wanted to look at how futurism had changed since the '90s and give a more 2019 look at it. He wanted to avoid the common traps of leaning super hard on the descendants of the current Marvel U heroes and follow the lead of the **SPIDER-MAN 2099** team with Miguel O'Hara rather than, say, Peter Parker the XIII.

So we put together an incredible group of current creators to lay out the new future for the Marvel Universe. Nick Spencer and the incredible Viktor Bogdanović (in his first Marvel book!) and Marte Gracia led the way with the Alpha comic you just read and Nick is closing out the story with Gerardo Sandoval and Morry Hollowell on the Omega. Nick is also writing the **SPIDER-MAN 2099** one-shot with Zé Carlos and Brian Reber on the art. But that's far from all. We've got Chip Zdarsky, Marco Castiello and Chris Sotomayor on **DOOM 2099**! We've got Gerry Duggan, Rogê Antônio and Erick Arciniega on **CONAN 2099**! YOU HEARD THAT RIGHT, CONAN IS IN THIS 2099!!! Karla Pacheco, Steven Cummings and Chris Sotomayor bring you a new **FANTASTIC FOUR 2099**! Lonnie Nadler, Zac Thompson, Matt Horak and Rachelle Rosenberg are updating **PUNISHER 2099**! Jody Houser, Francesco Mobili, Geraldo Borges and Rachelle Rosenberg bring an all-new look at **VENOM 2099**! And last but not least, Ed Brisson, Damian Couceiro and Dono Sánchez-Almara are revolutionizing **GHOST RIDER 2099**!

You'll notice that Matthew Rosenberg was not listed there, but that's just because he was too busy reimagining **ANNIHILATION** (which is the subject of A VERY DIFFERENT page and I've talked too much already) to join into our fun. We hope you enjoy this new look at the future as much as we enjoyed making it.

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THE FIGHT FOR THE FUTURE

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